

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

MICHAEL R. COX,)

Defendant.)

CASE NO. CR 05-391 RSM

DETENTION ORDER

Offense charged: CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Date of Detention Hearing: November 23, 2005

The Court, having conducted a contested detention hearing pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which the defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of any other person and the community.

The Government was represented by Ron Friedman and Rich Cohen.

The defendant was represented by Carol Koller.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

- (1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed the drug offense of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances.

The maximum penalty is in excess of ten years.

There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against the defendant's release based upon both dangerousness and flight risk, under Title 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

- (2) Nothing in this record satisfactorily rebuts the presumption against release for several reasons: Using the factors below, under Title 18 § 3142 (g), the Court considered the following:

- (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence or involves a narcotic drug. Here, the Defendant Michael Cox is alleged to have assisted co-defendant Ian Fuhr, the leader of this conspiracy to distribute cocaine, cocaine base and oxycodone and marijuana. This conspiracy was investigated through the use of a court-authorized wiretap. On the wiretap defendant Cox is heard to have used the numerous false names and to have employed others to use false names for the illegal purchase of oxycodone.
- (b) The weight of the evidence. From the evidence taken by court-authorized wiretap demonstrates that the weight of the Government's evidence against this defendant is strong.
- (c) The history and characteristics of the person, including: The person's character, physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug

1 or alcohol abuse, criminal history, record concerning appearance
2 at court proceedings, and whether at the time of the current
3 offense or arrest, the person was on probation, on parole, on
4 other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal, or completion of
5 sentence of an offense under Federal, State, or local law. The
6 Government argues that the role this defendant played in the
7 conspiracy was significant inasmuch s he was the purveyor and
8 manufacturer of false Washington identification cards to be used
9 in furtherance of the conspiracy.

10 d) Risk of danger to the community.

11 Here the government argues that in addition to the risk of
12 continued involvement in drug sales and trafficking, this
13 defendant poses a danger of committing violent crimes against
14 others. This alleged offense appears to have occurred while the
15 defendant was awaiting entry/acceptance into state drug court.

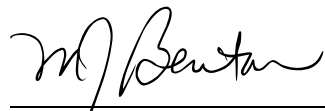
- 16 (3) Based upon the foregoing information which is consistent with the
17 recommendation of U.S. Pre-trial Services, it appears that there is no
18 condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure
19 future Court appearances and/or the safety of other persons or the
20 community.

21 **It is therefore ORDERED:**

- 22 (1) The defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the
23 custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility
24 separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving
25 sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
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- 1 (2) The defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private
2 consultation with counsel;
- 3 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for
4 the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which
5 the defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States
6 Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court
7 proceeding; and
- 8 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this order to counsel for the United
9 States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to
10 the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

11 DATED this 25th day of November, 2005.

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15 MONICA J. BENTON
16 United States Magistrate Judge
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